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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-200583, published July 31, 1998.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-126423, published May 15, 1998.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 6-232911, published August 19, 1994.
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5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 9-275402, published October 21, 1997.
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